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Professor Alan Dershowitz Guest Speaker for Federation Main Event

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will hold The Main Event of the 2001 Annual Campaign on Saturday evening, February 10, 2001 at 7:45 PM at Temple Israel. Alan Dershowitz, the world renowned lawyer and author will speak on the topic "In Defense of Judaism." Seating is limited and tickets will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis. A champagne dessert reception will follow the program, and is included in the \$36.00 per person ticket charge. "During this very special evening, all patrons will have the opportunity to make their gifts to the 2001 Annual Campaign," said Eric Sklut, 2001 Annual Campaign Chair.

Tracy and Larry Brown, event co-chairs, are very excited about the upcoming program. "In preparation for the event, I am reading Mr. Dershowitz' latest book *The Genesis of Justice* and look forward to discovering his views on the interaction of law, ethics and religion," said Tracy.

Professor Alan M. Dershowitz of Harvard Law School has been described by *Newsweek* as "the

nation's most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer and one of its most distinguished defenders of individual rights." *Time* magazine has called him a "legal star" and "the top lawyer of last resort in the country."

Dershowitz's second novel *Just Revenge* has received critical praise as a "fascinating moral discussion and well-drawn tour of court proceedings." His first novel *The Advocate's Devil* was described as "a thumbs-up verdict...exciting, fast-paced, entertaining." He has written numerous works of non-fiction, including the 1996 New York Times best seller *Reasonable Doubts*, and the 1991 #1 New York Times best seller *Chutzpah*. His most recent work of non-fiction, *The Genesis of Justice, Ten Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the Ten Commandments and Modern Law* was published just last year.

Professor Dershowitz's clients have included Anatoly Shcharansky, O.J. Simpson, Claus von Bulow, Michael Milken, Jonathan Pollard, Leona Helmsley, Jim Bakker, Christian

Brando, Mike Tyson, Senator Mike Gravel, Senator Alan Cranston, John DeLorean, Patricia Hearst, Rabbi Meir Kahane, and



Alan Dershowitz

numerous lawyers including F. Lee Bailey and William Kunstler. He takes half his cases on a pro bono basis, and continues to represent numerous indigent defendants and causes.

Mr. Dershowitz's list of achievements and awards is

lengthy and impressive beginning with his appointment to the Harvard Law School faculty at age 25, to his being honored with many national and international awards based on his advocacy in the struggle for civil and human rights. He has served as a visiting lecturer in many countries throughout the world including China, Israel, New Zealand, and the former Soviet Union. Mr. Dershowitz has been the recipient of countless honorary degrees and medals, including those bestowed upon him by Yeshiva University, Hebrew Union College and the University of Haifa. Frequently invited by federations around the world to lecture on behalf of Israel, Alan Dershowitz also addresses such important issues as Jewish responsibility, Jewish education, tzedakah, and the importance of Jewish community.

Just Revenge and *The Genesis of Justice*, the two most recent books by Alan Dershowitz, will be on sale at the event. Each of these books has a Jewish theme and Mr. Dershowitz has agreed to sign books during the reception. He

will also be having dinner with major givers earlier in the evening.

For more information about this event or about the Federation, you may call the Federation office at 944-6757. Through fundraising and the allocation of funds, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte works hard to assure that quality human services are

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delivered to Jews in need. It supports quality Jewish education to maintain and strengthen Jewish identification, commitment and continuity, and provides a link between our community and other communities nationally, in Israel and elsewhere in the world. The Federation strives to help those who are less fortunate, and whenever possible moves our brethren from lands of oppression to freedom. ✪

GA2K was a General Assembly Like No Other

JFGC Wins Prestigious Sapir Award for 1999 Campaign

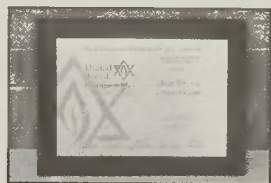
Set against the sobering backdrop of weeks of crisis and loss of life in the Middle East, of political tension in Israel and the limbo of the unfinished presidential election, this year's GA2K was a General Assembly like no other. It took Israel's ongoing crisis and turned it into an opportunity, creating an extraordinary expression of solidarity for Israel by world Jewry.

"It is of paramount importance in the next few weeks that the North American Jewish community demonstrate its solidarity with Israel through a powerful surge in campaign," said Bob Schryer, Campaign Chair. "In addition to going to Israel, we must contribute the funds that will sustain vital services during Israel's struggle."

Before the first session even began, the GA, held in Chicago's Hyatt Regency Hotel, was a sell-out. It had been planned as a convening of Jewish hearts and Jewish minds, of Jewish youth and their mentors — Jewish leaders from around the world. It had been planned as a convening of opinions and passions, of the religious streams and those thirsting to learn, of the leadership of the Federation of North America and of Israel.

Most critically, it had been retooled as a GA focused on unity

with Israel in a time of crisis. From that focus emerged a spirit that invested every session with a sense of urgency — from the first ever



The Sapir Award, given to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte for Outstanding Achievement in the 1999 Annual Campaign.

GA Beit Midrash, to the state of the Jewish world plenaries.

There was drama as well, as, separately, both Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak and Likkud leader Ariel Sharon outlined their visions for a secure and vital Israel. Intermingled with all of this was a shared moment of mourning as Israel's First Lady, Nava Barak, eulogized her friend, Leah Rabin, widow of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Starting with a Shabbaton shalom, there was message after message of inspiration and insight for the community to rally around,

from Elie Wiesel, Rabbi Michael

Melchior, Natan Sharansky, Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh, Minister of Absorption Yuli Tamir, Israel GA Chair Jacob Frenkel and many others.

Sapir Award Given to JFGC

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte was selected by the United Jewish Communities as one of only fifteen communities from around the country to receive the prestigious 1999 Sapir Award. The Sapir Award, named in honor of Israel's first Minister of Finance, Pinchas Sapir, acknowledges and recognizes communities that have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Annual Campaign. The criteria include campaign growth, donor acquisition and retention, volunteer campaign worker recruitment, major gifts upgrade and PACE/LOJE achievement.

The 1999 campaign in Charlotte was recognized for a 19.7% annual campaign increase, and 32 new or increased gifts to the major gift level. Bill Gorelick, 1999 Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte President, Meg Goldstein, 1999 Annual Campaign Chair, and Cary Bernstein, Campaign Director during 1999 are to be congratulated for their efforts, which led to the special recognition.

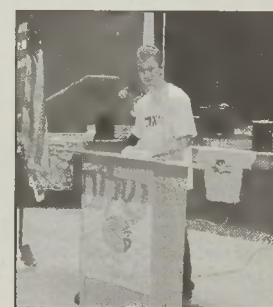
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More Than 200 Charlotte Teens Gather to Show Support for Israel

Gorelick Hall was hung with T-shirts and other paraphernalia from Israel. The flags, U.S. and Israel, were moved to the floor. And between the two flags stood the Jewish teenagers of Charlotte, one by one declaring their love and loyalty to Eretz Yisrael.

It was the first Youth Solidarity Rally for Israel, sponsored by The Consolidated High School for Hebrew Studies, United Synagogue Youth, National Federation of Temple Youth, and Young Judea.

Eleven young people from differing Jewish backgrounds spoke to a crowd of more than 200 of their peers. They spoke of trips they made to Israel and how just being there made a difference in their views of not just current events but of their own relation-



Phillip Brodsky opened the rally with a speech.

ship with Judaism.

"It is time to make a difference," Phillip Brodsky said in his opening speech. "No matter how

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The rally concluded with a candlelight vigil.

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